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MID-YEAR ACREAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Based on June 1 surveys, Nebraska producers increased current acreage devoted to soybeans, oats, millet, winter wheat (planted last fall) and hay, while decreasing acreage devoted to corn, sorghum, dry beans, sunflowers and sugar beets. **Corn** growers planted 8.2 million acres in 2001, the smallest level since 1995, down 3% from last year and 5% below 1999. A forecasted 7.9 million acres will be harvested for grain, a decline of 2% from 2000, also the smallest since 1995. **Soybean** producers planted a record high 4.9 million acres, 5% over last year. Nebraska soybean producers have nearly doubled the amount of acreage

devoted to soybeans since 1992, and increased acreage eight of the last nine years. Acres forecast for harvest, at 4.825 million acres, would also be a record high, and 6% above last year. Last fall, **winter wheat** was planted on 1.8 million acres, up 3% from a year earlier while down 5% from 1999. Harvested acreage is set at 1.7 million acres, up 3% from 2000. **Sorghum** growers planted 550,000 acres for all purposes, down 8% from last year and equal to 1999 which was the lowest level since 1953. Harvested acres forecast at 450,000, also the lowest level since 1953, were down 10% from last year and 4% below 1999.

CROP SUMMARY: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, 1999-2001

CROP	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1999	2000	Indicated 2001	2001 as % of 2000	1999	2000	Indicated 2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousand Acres			Percent	Thousand Acres			Percent
PLANTED ACREAGE								
All Wheat	1,900	1,750	1,800	103	62,714	62,529	59,604	95
Winter Wheat	1,900	1,750	1,800	103	43,331	43,348	41,318	95
Corn	8,600	8,500	8,200	97	77,386	79,545	76,109	96
Oats	135	130	145	112	4,673	4,477	4,404	98
Barley	5	10	5	50	5,194	5,844	5,088	87
Sorghum	550	600	550	92	9,288	9,195	9,747	106
Soybeans	4,300	4,650	4,900	105	73,730	74,496	75,416	101
Dry Edible Beans	210.0	165.0	155.0	94	2,023.0	1,756.2	1,426.2	81
Sugar Beets	72.7	78.2	48.3	62	1560.6	1,565.2	1,368.1	87
Proso Millet	180	150	170	113	600	440	550	125
Sunflowers	101	90	70	78	3,553	2,792	2,750	99
ACRES FOR HARVEST								
All Wheat	1,700	1,650	1,700	103	53,823	53,028	49,331	93
Winter Wheat	1,700	1,650	1,700	103	35,486	35,022	31,657	90
Corn for Grain	8,300	8,050	7,900	98	70,487	72,732	69,291	95
Oats	75	45	65	144	2,453	2,324	2,186	94
Barley	3	6	4	67	4,734	5,201	4,514	87
Sorghum for Grain	470	500	450	90	8,544	7,723	8,857	115
Soybeans for Beans	4,250	4,575	4,825	106	72,446	72,718	74,337	102
Dry Edible Beans	187.0	156.0	143.0	92	1,877.0	1,606.4	1,333.5	83
Sugar Beets	66.2	54.8	44.7	82	1,527.3	1,374.3	1,337.2	97
Proso Millet	150	135	1/	---	540	370	1/	---
Sunflowers	97	80	68	85	3,441	2,629	2,660	101
Alfalfa Hay	1,400	1,350	1,450	107	24,055	23,077	23,750	103
All Other Hay	1,800	1,700	1,800	106	39,165	36,777	40,083	109
All Hay	3,200	3,050	3,250	107	63,220	59,854	63,833	107

1/ Estimates to be released in January 2002 in the Annual Crop Summary.

GRAIN STOCKS: BY POSITION, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 1, 1999-2001

Grain and Position	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	June 1, 1999	June 1, 2000	June 1, 2001	2001 2000	June 1, 1999	June 1, 2000	June 1, 2001	2001 2000
	Thousand bushels				Thousand bushels			
				Pct.				Pct.
Corn								
On Farms	330,000	250,000	230,000	92	2,257,000	2,029,800	2,230,800	110
Off Farms 1/	169,515	187,336	214,516	115	1,359,225	1,556,138	1,693,408	109
Total	499,515	437,336	444,516	102	3,616,225	3,585,938	3,924,208	109
All Wheat								
On Farms	9,500	8,000	3,500	44	277,710	226,780	197,270	87
Off Farms 1/	31,680	37,814	34,186	90	668,208	722,968	675,855	93
Total	41,180	45,814	37,686	82	945,918	949,748	873,125	92
Soybeans								
On Farms	34,000	22,000	24,000	109	458,000	370,000	365,000	99
Off Farms 1/	21,091	32,558	31,842	98	390,573	404,425	343,320	85
Total	55,091	54,558	55,842	102	848,573	774,425	708,320	91
Sorghum								
On Farms	8,200	7,100	3,600	51	27,400	27,300	17,500	64
Off Farms 1/	19,371	16,752	10,928	65	88,680	99,606	57,112	57
Total	27,571	23,852	14,528	61	116,080	126,906	74,612	59
Oats								
On Farms	700	1,000	550	55	40,700	36,000	32,050	89
Off Farms 1/	2/	2/	2/	---	40,678	40,031	40,577	101
Total	2/	2/	2/	---	81,378	76,031	72,627	96

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. 2/ Unpublished to avoid disclosure of individual reports.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2001, were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice and potatoes. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 1% above April 2001 but were 19% below May 2000. Frozen pork stocks were 2% below last month and were 21% below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 7% from last month but were 14% below last year's level. Stocks on May 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follows:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		May 2000	Apr. 2001
Total red meats ..	777,049	81	101
Beef	329,941	82	105
Pork	422,370	79	98
Poultry	1,126,501	86	107
Turkey	452,594	94	116

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - MAY

Item	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000
	Millions		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	11.9	11.6	98
30 States	306.1	314.1	103
U.S.	326.3	334.7	103
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA	250	257	103
30 States	6,658	6,775	102
U.S.	7,104	7,231	102
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, May			
Egg-type	41.2	42.6	103
Broiler	775.0	775.7	100
Hatched thru May			
Egg-type	185.5	200.6	108
Broiler	3,736.1	3,688.8	99
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (May)	25.8	26.8	104

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

May 2001 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2000 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		May 2000	April 2001
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head	713.4	105	128
Hogs, head	538.1	108	101
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	100	<u>2/</u>
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	626.7	102	122
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head	3,199.3	101	118
Calves, head	78.6	86	106
Hogs, head	7,958.4	100	102
Sheep & Lambs, head	239.0	92	82
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,881.3	100	111

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Data included in U.S. total to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

HOGS AND PIGS

Nebraska pork producers had an estimated 2.90 million hogs and pigs on hand June 1, 2001. This number was unchanged from a year earlier but 9% below two years ago. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding were 3% below a year ago and 12% below two years ago. Market hogs inventory was up less than 1% from last year but down 9% from two years ago.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs was 59.1 million head on June 1, 2001. This was slightly below last year but 1% above March 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was down 1% from June 1, 2000, and down 1% from March 1, 2001. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was slightly below last year, but 1% above last quarter.

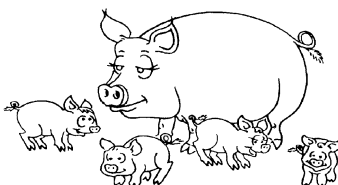
HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY ON JUNE 1; SOWS FARROWING, AND PIG CROP, 2000-2001

Item	NEBRASKA			17 STATES			UNITED STATES		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	1999	2000	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	1999	2000	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>
On Farms - June 1:	1,000 head		Pct.	1,000 head		Pct.	1,000 head		Pct.
All hogs and pigs	2,900	2,900	100	55,360	55,130	100	59,117	59,081	100
For breeding	370	360	97	5,750	5,710	99	6,234	6,198	99
Market	2,530	2,540	100	49,610	49,420	100	52,884	52,883	100
Market hogs & pigs									
by weight groups:									
Under 60 pounds	1,010	1,010	100	18,705	18,480	99	19,907	19,699	99
60-119 pounds	640	650	102	12,440	12,330	99	13,247	13,190	100
120-179 pounds	500	510	102	10,020	10,105	101	10,710	10,848	101
180 pounds and over	380	370	97	8,445	8,505	101	9,019	9,147	101
Sows Farrowing:									
December 1/-February	160	145	91	2,586	2,618	101	2,798	2,825	101
March-May	155	160	103	2,666	2,665	100	2,885	2,878	100
June-August	160	*165	103	2,673	*2,712	101	2,889	*2,924	101
September-November	150	*165	110	2,646	*2,696	102	2,848	*2,905	102
TOTAL	625	*635	102	10,571	*10,691	101	11,420	*11,532	101
Pigs Crop:									
December 1/-February	1,400	1,283	92	22,699	22,999	101	24,522	24,776	101
March-May	1,372	1,408	103	23,646	23,678	100	25,565	25,544	100
June-August	1,440	---	---	23,655	---	---	25,548	---	---
September-November	1,313	---	---	23,430	---	---	25,208	---	---
TOTAL PIG CROP	5,525	---	---	93,430	---	---	100,843	---	---

1/ December preceding year. * Intentions for 2001. 17 States: AR, CO, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, NC, OH, OK, PA, SD, TX, WI.

JUNE 1 HOG REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- * U.S. hog inventory unchanged. Pre-release trade expectations averaged 101% and ranged from 100.0% to 102.0%.
- * U.S. breeding herd was down 1%; trade analysts' estimates averaged 101.0%. U.S. market hog inventory was unchanged. Trade expectations ranged from 99.1% to 102.1% and averaged 101.0%
- * U.S. March-May pig crop was down slightly from the previous year. Analysts expectations averaged 101.0% of previous year.
- * June-November intentions were 2% above 2000 farrowings. If plans are carried out, farrowings would utilize about 94% of the June breeding herd compared with 92% a year ago.



HOG INVENTORY TRENDS, 17 STATES & U.S. PERCENT CHANGES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR

State	June 1, 2001 Inventory (000)	Percent of Previous Year			
		June 1, 2000 %	Mar. 1, 2000 %	Dec. 1, 1999 %	Sept. 1, 1999 %
AR	660	96	96	96	94
CO	760	85	91	92	94
IL	4,100	99	101	102	96
IN	3,100	95	102	103	93
IA	15,100	98	99	98	98
KS	1,530	110	108	104	103
MI	920	93	94	97	99
MN	5,900	104	109	105	102
MO	3,050	102	98	92	97
NE	2,900	100	98	102	102
NC	9,700	101	101	98	98
OH	1,460	104	101	101	89
OK	2,190	96	102	102	100
PA	1,040	99	105	98	99
SD	1,270	103	104	105	93
TX	860	99	106	106	113
WI	590	102	105	107	98
Other	3,951	105	101	97	95
U.S.	59,081	100	101	100	98

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in the United States in June was 107 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (0.9%) from the May index. Lower prices for cantaloupes, lettuce, sweet corn, and tomatoes were partially offset by higher prices for milk, strawberries, celery, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of

wheat, grapes, hay, and peaches were offset by lower marketings of strawberries, tomatoes, oranges, and cattle. Compared with June 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 9 points (9.2%) higher. Price increases from June 2000 for milk, broilers, cattle, and wheat were partially offset by lower prices for cantaloupes, corn, soybeans, and eggs.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		June 2000 <u>1/</u>	May 2001 <u>1/</u>	June 15, 2001	June 2000 <u>1/</u>	May 2001 <u>1/</u>	June 15, 2001	% of Parity	Parity Price <u>2/</u>
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.99	\$ 2.76	29	\$ 9.67
Corn	Bu.	1.93	1.82	1.78	1.91	1.82	1.76	27	6.60
Oats	Bu.	1.54	1.72	1.50	1.24	1.28	1.25	33	3.77
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.27	3.27	3.15	3.32	3.21	3.25	29	11.30
Soybeans	Bu.	4.94	4.17	4.35	4.93	4.32	4.47	31	14.40
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	52.00	80.00	76.00	82.50	106.00	95.80	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	52.00	82.00	77.00	85.70	113.00	103.00	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	38.00	75.00	72.00	70.90	76.60	70.70	---	---
Dry Edible Beans ...	Cwt.	15.50	15.50	15.30	14.70	16.60	16.40	34	47.90
Hogs	Cwt.	51.30	52.50	52.10	48.90	50.40	52.10	51	103.00
Barrows & Gilts ..	Cwt.	51.40	52.80	52.40	49.60	51.10	52.90	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	36.80	38.00	38.50	35.30	38.70	38.30	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	70.00	74.00	73.80	68.50	73.60	73.90	47	158.00
Steers & Heifers ..	Cwt.	71.00	75.00	74.80	71.50	77.40	77.50	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	39.50	43.00	43.00	40.00	43.70	43.60	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	105.00	110.00	112.00	104.00	111.00	109.00	52	208.00
Sheep	Cwt.	30.80	36.80	n/a	30.00	34.10	n/a	---	72.50
Lambs	Cwt.	90.00	85.00	n/a	89.70	79.00	n/a	---	174.00

1/ Entire month average except hay. 2/ Parity price based on data for June 2001. n/a = not available.

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